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SOUTH DIALOGUE

REF: SEOUL 5282

1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE INTENDED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED ON JUNE 23, IF STATEMENT IS AS REPORTED TO US, WE STRONGLY URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THE ROK INITIATIVE WITH AN APPROPRIATE RELEASE. IN PART AT LEAST, PRESIDENT PARK'S INITIATIVE STEMS FROM OUR URGINGS OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS THAT ROKG MAKE SOME NEW PROPOSALS INTENDED TO ALLEVIATE TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA. A GOOD SOURCE HAS TOLD CHARGE THAT THE JUNE 23 STATEMENT COMES FROM OUR URGINGS.

2. THERE IS ALSO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS STEMS IN PART AT LEAST FROM ROK CONCERNS ABOUT ALLEGED USG CONSIDERATION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE NORTH. THE PRESIDENT MAY THROUGH HIS ANNOUNCEMENT BELIEVE HE IS PRE-EMPTING USG INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA. WHATEVER THE REASONS BEHIND THIS PROPOSAL, BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT AS A POSITIVE STEP.

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